

Amendments to the LCG - 2003/2007 Consolidated Plan - Priority Needs

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Reasons for Amendments to Priority Needs

1) Reduction of Entitlement Funding:

Since PY 2001, the LCG's CDBG , HOME and ESG allocations have been significantly reduced. These reductions can be attributed to several factors, including (but not limited to): 1) demographic and other data from the 2000 Census; 2) reduction in federal appropriation; and 3) additional cities reaching the status of "entitlement" communities. The following table shows LCG's allocation of federal entitlement funds for the past 10 years:

Year	CDBG	\$ +/-	HOME	\$ +/-	ESG	\$ +/-	ADDI	\$ +/-
PY 2005	\$1,869,833	-\$106,167	\$787,766	-\$42,537	- - - - -		\$27,143	-\$20,459
PY 2004	\$1,976,000	-\$57,000	\$830,303	-\$3,875	\$0	-\$85,000	PY04&03 \$47,602 \$40,340	NA
PY 2003	\$2,033,000	-\$436,000	\$834,178	-\$102,822	\$85,000	-\$1,000	- - - -	- - - - -
PY 2002	\$2,469,000	-\$60,000	\$937,000	-\$1,000	\$86,000	-\$1,000	<i>Census data reduces entitlement funds</i>	
PY 2001	\$2,529,000	+\$72,000	\$938,000	+\$91,000	\$87,000	\$0	<i>9/11 Terrorist Attack</i>	
PY 2000	\$2,457,000	-\$2,000	\$847,000	+\$2,000	\$87,000	\$0		
PY 1999	\$2,459,000	+\$14,000	\$845,000	+\$59,000	\$87,000	-\$9,000		
PY 1998	\$2,445,000	-\$71,000	\$786,000	+\$45,000	\$96,000	- - - - -		
PY 1997	\$2,516,000	+\$755,000	\$741,000	+\$173,000	- - - - -			
PY 1996	\$1,761,000	\$0	\$568,000	\$0	<i>Lafayette City-Parish Consolidation</i>			
PY 1995	\$1,761,000	- - - - -	\$568,000	- - - - -				

Funding trends suggest that the LCG's CDBG program will receive cuts during program year 2006 and in the future. As a result, many of Lafayette's housing and community development needs will not be addressed.

2) New Focus for HUD:

The President and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) have a new focus and strategies for HUD and the CDBG program (most of which pertain to housing): 1) meet aggressive goals for increasing minority homeownership; 2) end chronic homelessness; 3) strengthen housing assistance; 4) pilot improved community development programs; and 5) continue to improve HUD's performance and provide better stewardship of funds.

Conclusion:

With the threat of funding cuts, and the President's and HUD's new strategies in mind, the LCG, DCD will once again amend the priorities in the LCG 2003/2007 Consolidated Plan. For additional information on the status of HUD and the CDBG program, please visit <http://www.hud.gov>.

Amendment of Consolidated Plan Priority Needs - 2005

In view of the strategies presented by President Bush and the Administration's Office of Management and Budget's for reforming the CDBG Program, the LCG, DCD is recommending the amendment of existing priority needs so that Lafayette's declining entitlement funds can be use in a more focused manner, emphasizing the need for low / moderate neighborhood revitalization.

HOUSING: (See 03/07 Plan for more details)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Total 5-Yr. Goal</u> (households)	<u>* Total Estimated Need</u> (households)	<u>Priority Status</u>
Cost Burdens (R)	100	3,933	High
Cost Burdens (O)	208	4,802	High
Physical Def. (R)	100	4,276	High
Physical Def. (O)	208	4,075	High
Overcrowding (R)	300	700	High
First Time HB	350 (affects rental units also)		High

*2000 Census - <http://socds.huduser.org/scripts/odbic.exe/chas/index.htm>

HOMELESS:

Construction/ Rehab of transitional and permanent housing for homeless	Med. (Down from High)
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SPECIAL NEEDS: (Housing)

Elderly/Frail Elderly	100		High
Physically Disabled	100		High
Mentally Disabled	100	705	High
Devel. Disabled	75		High
HIV/AIDS	106	106	High
Substance Abuse	236	236	High

(Service Needs of "Special Needs" households will not be addressed with CDBG funds)

Non-Housing Community Development Activities

LCG, DCD recommends the following changes to the Non-Housing Community Development Priorities:

Category	Total 5-Yr. Goal	Completed to Date	Priority Status
CRIME:			
Anti Crime Programs	5 programs	0	Low
ECONOMIC DEVEL.:			
Tech. Assistance	250 services	47	High
Micro Enter. Assist.	50 jobs	10.5	High
INFRASTRUCTURE:			
Low/Mod Streets	Based on indiv. Studies	13	*High
Low/Mod Water	Based on indiv. Studies	0	High (in conjunction w/ housing development)
PLANNING AND PROG. ADMIN:			
Planning and Admin.			High
PUBLIC FACILITIES:			
Health Facilities	1 (expanded facility)	1	Low
Youth Centers	? (to serve 9,302)	1(repairs)	Low
General	0	0	Low
Asbestos Removal			Low
PUBLIC SERVICES:			
General (housing related)	7,000	3,178	High
Health Services	10,000	1,035	Low
SENIOR PROGRAMS:			
Senior Centers			Low
Senior Services			Low
YOUTH PROGRAMS:			
Youth Centers	? (to serve 9,302)	1	Low
Youth Services	to serve 9,302	977	Low
Child Care Center	? (to serve 250)	0	High (in conjunction w/ housing development
Child Care Services	250	0	Low

* Streets will not be limited to housing development sites due to funds becoming available after the reorganization of the LCG, Department of Community Development (GBR and Housing).